

HOW TO GET HERE

The British Columbia Forest Museum Park is located near Duncan, just one hour's drive north of Victoria, or south of Nanaimo, on beautiful Vancouver Island.

GROUPS ARE MORE FUN

Whatever the occasion, bring along your gang to the British Columbia Forest Museum. We are fully equipped and staffed to handle groups of 10 or more.

GREAT GASTRONOMICS

When it comes to party food, your group will be happy to know that we can cater to their every need. For groups and catering information, call 746-1251.



RIDE THE STEAM TRAIN

FAMILY FUN!



BRITISH COLUMBIA FOREST MUSEUM PARK

DUNCAN, VANCOUVER ISLAND

3 TIPS for FAMILY FUN!



1 GET ON THE RIGHT TRACK!

This is a good step towards having fun. Somehow, some way, get to the BC Forest Museum. If you are already here, advance to tip #2. If you are not already here... see map on back for directions.

2 DO THE LOCOMOTION

All aboard an authentic steam locomotive. Journey through time as you ride the rails in and around the entire park, through the forest, over Somenos Lake on the breathtaking trestle and then to a train station where your adventure on foot begins. For those of you who just can't get enough "heavy metal", repeat step 2.

3 PEEK INTO THE PAST

Various pavilions around the park allow you to discover the colourful history of this area. The Tree Room houses photos and historical film footage on the early days of logging and displays that clearly explain the life cycle of our forests. The Log Museum is a treasure trove of rare artifacts. Exhibits and models reflect the culture of our area from our earliest residents to modern life.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The British Columbia Forest Museum has prepared this guide to assist families in having a lot of fun. Please follow these steps carefully and we are sure you'll achieve a high level of amusement and cultural enrichment. If, however, you are having trouble with any portion of this guide or need any other additional information, please call or write and we will be most happy to help you!

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7 more TIPS FOR FAMILY FUN!



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CRUISE THE CAMP

Explore the many buildings around the park that are reminders of a lifestyle long past. Climb way up high onto the B.C. Forest Service Fire Lookout and take a boo at our remarkable setting. A fully refurbished Ranger Station is on site illustrating the tremendous responsibilities of the Forest Service from yesteryear and today. Then there are the lifestyles of the way loggers really lived at a genuine logging camp. No caviar and champagne around here.



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HAVE A REAL POWER TRIP

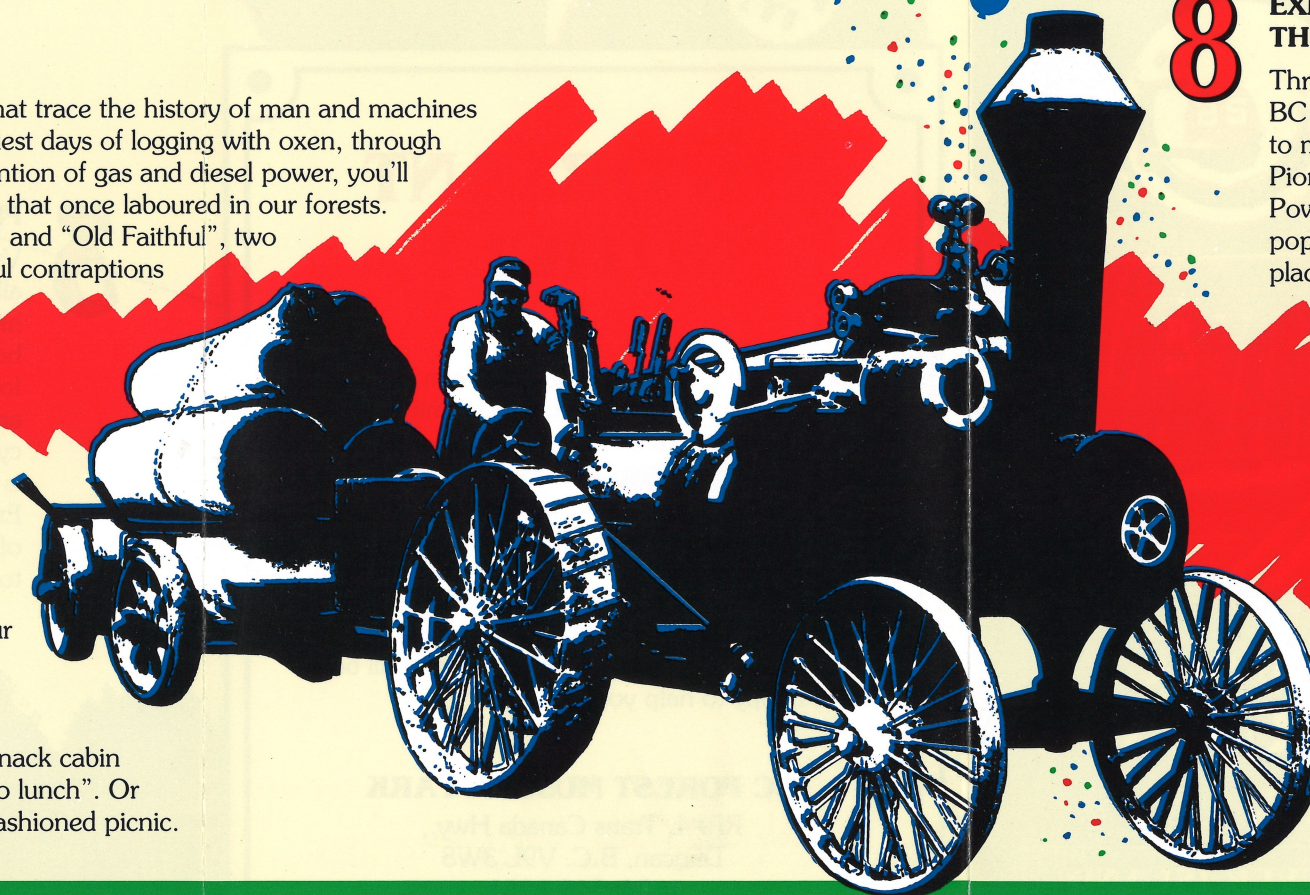
Stroll around our outdoor exhibits that trace the history of man and machines in the forest industry. From the earliest days of logging with oxen, through the age of steam and on to the invention of gas and diesel power, you'll encounter the mechanical dinosaurs that once laboured in our forests. Keep an eye open for "Little Jakey" and "Old Faithful", two examples of the weird and wonderful contraptions that once helped the logger with his hard day's work.

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SPACE EXPLORATION?

There are 100 acres for you and your gang to explore. And plenty of open space to let the more energetic members of your family unwind (our playground area might just come in handy).

Hungry? There's a great little snack cabin on site should you want to "do lunch". Or may we suggest a good old-fashioned picnic.



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HANDS-ON!

The BC Forest Museum invites you to get involved in our hands-on activities. Ride the rails on a real old-fashioned hand car or learn how to make paper; these and many other activities are available here. We also present demonstrations for our visitors, like our old-time portable sawmill and planer where raw logs are transformed into usable lumber... there's nothing like seeing it in action!



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EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Throughout the season, the BC Forest Museum Park is host to many annual events such as Pioneer Days in July, and the Black Powder Cannon Shoot. Plus, ever popular Vintage Auto Shows take place from time to time. So while visiting the museum, keep your eyes and ears open for something special.

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TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Stretch your legs and fill your lungs with fresh forest air and experience "old growth" firsthand. The Forester's Walk symbolizes modern forest management and the promise of a strong future. We are very proud of the 1,000,000,000th seedling planted by the B.C. Forest Service, as well as the twelve Douglas-firs planted in celebration of Canada's Centennial Year (1967). These twelve trees grew from seedlings taken from mother trees 1,000 years old. Now that's a generation gap!



An observant visitor might spot hidden treasures like the age-old totems that have just recently been rediscovered, or the park's most majestic resident... Kojak, the bald eagle! The BC Forest Museum, adjacent to a wildlife sanctuary on Somenos Lake, is often visited by an array of wild birds including swans, herons, geese and the infamous gang of ducks (we advise you hold onto your ice cream in their presence; they have acquired a taste for the waffle cones).



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MEMORIES IN THE MAKING

Spend the day at the BC Forest Museum Park and we are sure you'll gain some very special memories. Our engineers and friendly staff will be glad to answer any questions and help you make the most of your visit.

So bring your whole family, a camera and plenty of film and prepare to have an experience available only at the BC Forest Museum Park.

